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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9 November 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11, 12, and 14-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Reasons for Allowance

1. In response to amendment filed on 9 November 2004, the amendment to the claims is accepted, however examiner's amendment attached amends claims 11 and 14 so that they do not depend from cancelled claims, 10 and 13.

Allowable Subject Matter

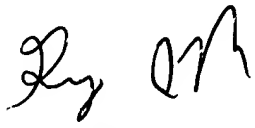
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-9, 11, 12, and 14-19 are allowed, in view of arguments presented in amendment on page 8, lines 10-16, in which applicant amended claims so that the private/public key pair is generated and transmitted from the client to the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) system. As indicated by the applicant the reference teach the claimed invention "The "authentication service's public key" disclosed in Wood does not correspond the public key recited in claim 1".

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen C Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3842. The examiner can normally be reached from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A Morse can be reached on (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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10. (Canceled)

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11. (Original) The computer program recited in claim ~~10~~, wherein the digital signature certificate may be used for both signatures and encryption.

12. (Original) The computer program recited in claim 8, wherein verifying the identity and validity of the user by PKI system by accessing a directory using the digital signature certificate further comprises;

verifying that the digital signature certificate has not been revoked; and

verifying that the user is still a member of the organization.

13. (Canceled)

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14. (Original) The computer program recited in claim ~~13~~, further comprising:

accessing a foreign computer network not associated with the PKI system using the public key signed by the domain certificate authority.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a single sign-on role certificate using a PKI system, comprising:

creating a digital signature certificate verifying the identity of a user and authority of the user to obtain the digital signature certificate;

delivering a password to the user through the mail to the user's home address;

accessing a PKI system, through a client platform, by the user using the password;